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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S TRIP

1. APRIL 5 MADRID PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S JOURNEY LIMITED TO CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS IN ABC (CONSERVATIVE) AND ARRIBA (GOVERNMENT ORIENTED):

2. JOSE MARIA CARRASCAL WRITES FOR ABC FROM NEW YORK: "THE DAYS OF THE "UGLY AMERICAN" HAVE PASSED,' JUBILANTLY DECLARED JIMMY CARTER UPON RETURNING FROM HIS RECENT TRIP. THIS IS A BIT EXAGGERATED, BUT WITH AN UNDENIABLE BACKGROUND OF THE TRUTH. HE WAS NOT STONED, NOR INSULTED, NOR ACCUSED, NOR BLAMED FOR ALL THAT GOES WRONG IN THE WORLD, AS USED TO BE THE CUSTOM...BUT IF THE 'UGLY AMERICAN' HAS DISAPPEARED, SO HAS THE OMNIPOTENT AMERICAN...THE UNITED STATES CAN NO LONGER SOLVE ALL OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE PLANET. AND IF THEY DON'T TAKE CARE, THEY WILL NOT EVEN BE ABLE TO SOLVE THEIR OWN. THEIR DOLLAR IS ONLY A SHADOW OF WHAT IT WAS, THEIR ABSOLUTE MILITARY SUPERIORITY HAS

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BEEN CONVERTED TO BALANCE WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AND THEIR LEADERSHIP IS DEFIED NOT ONLY BY THE LARGE COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO BY THE SMALL.

3. "THE FINAL BALANCE OF THE TRIP IS, WELL, INTERMEDIATE: A RELATIONSHIP OF EQUALITY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH A SERIES OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE

A ROLE EVERY DAY MORE IMPORTANT, BUT IT HAS ALSO  
BEEN LEFT CLEAR THAT THEIR INTERESTS ARE NOT  
ALWAYS IDENTICAL WITH AMERICAN INTERESTS. WHETHER  
IT WAS NECESSARY TO TRAVEL 15,000 MILES TO CONFIRM  
THIS IS SOMETHING FOR DISCUSSION."

4. ARRIBA REPORTS FROM NEW YORK: "SPECTACULAR  
RESULTS WERE NOT OBTAINED (NOR WERE THEY SOUGHT),  
BUT THE THIRD FOREIGN TRIP OF PRESIDENT CARTER HAS  
IMPROVED THE GENERAL ATMOSPHERE WITH A NUMBER OF  
COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD, WITH WHICH THE UNITED  
STATES HAS VERY IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC  
RELATIONSHIPS AND INTERESTS...THE OFFICIAL CONTACTS  
BROUGHT OUT A GOODLY NUMBER OF DIVERGENCES AND  
FRICTIONS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES BETWEEN THE AMERICAN  
GIANT AND THE COUNTRIES MOST TYPICAL AND POWERFUL  
OF THE THIRD WORLD. BUT THE SMOOTH AND CANDID  
U.S. PRESIDENT ALSO HAS OBTAINED IMPORTANT  
PSYCHOLOGICAL...RESULTS, WHICH CAN BE TRANSLATED  
IN THE FUTURE INTO A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE  
SPIRIT AND FAITH OF THESE NATIONS IN THE  
EGOCENTRIC AMERICA..." RYLANCE

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